

Remarks

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner McCloud for the indication of allowed and allowable subject matter. In the office action dated July 13, 2004 the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-13, 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 14, 17-28 and 31-37 were indicated as allowed. Claims 1, 29 and 30 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2 and 15-16 were previously canceled.


By this amendment, Applicants' representative amends claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 29 and 30. Claims 1, 29 and 30 are amended thereby obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 3-5 and 17-20 have been amended for consistency. Support for the amendment to claims 1, 29 and 30 can be found, for example, on Figure 2 and in the specification, on page 6, para. 0023 through page 7, para. 0027. As such, no new matter has been added.

Regarding claims which depend from the independent claims, Applicants contend that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons that the independent claims are patentable. Moreover, Applicants contend these claims recite further limitations, in addition to the limitations of the independent claims, which render these claims additionally patentable.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants' representative respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this paper. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to Ford Global Technologies, LLC Deposit Account No.06-1510.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

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